
MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

January 24, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Odermat called the January 24, 2005 Study Session of the Medina City Council to order at 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mary Odermat, Deputy Mayor Todd Nunn
Council members Miles Adam, Drew Blazey, Katie Phelps, Bob Rudolph
(via conference call), and Pete Vall-Spinosa

City Staff Present: Douglas Schulze, City Manager; Wayne Tanaka and Vicki Orrico, City Attorneys; Jeff Chen, Chief of Police; Joseph Gellings, Director of Development Services, Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor (7:11 p.m.)

Mayor introduced new city attorneys, Wayne Tanaka and Vicki Orrico, from firm, Ogden Murphy Wallace.

Mayor requested, and Council approved, additional items to meeting agenda:

- Newsletter Discussion
- Meeting Signage Discussion
- 50th Anniversary and Medina Days volunteer update

Council

No announcements

Staff

No announcements

DISCUSSION

Discussion of 2005 Legislative Action Plan (7:13 p.m.)

Schulze proposed list containing both high priority items, such as, streamline sales tax issue, municipal court issues and gas tax distributions; and other priority items, including street light utility authority, pension contributions and Growth Management Act revisions, and requested input from Council.

Discussion followed.

Council agreed to place on February 14, 2005 Consent Agenda.

City Newsletter (7:19 p.m.)

Schulze requested from Council, policy direction to define newsletter content and organization.

Council directed Schulze to provide suggestions for policy guidelines and recommended future discussion. Schulze suggested scheduling on February 14, 2005 agenda.

Meeting Signage (7:30 p.m.)

Mayor recommended Council authorize City Manager to purchase four "A-Board" signs for installation at each main Medina entrance, with appropriate signage attached, to remind residents of upcoming meetings. Council expressed agreement for procurement and placement of signs. Councilmembers said signs would be used in an attempt to generate greater interest and attendance at meetings and agreed to try for a three or four month period.

In addition, Council agreed City staff should produce and mail Medina residents a simple postcard, clearly identifying City's web address as a reminder of City's web resource.

50th Anniversary and Medina Days Volunteers (7:36 p.m.)

Phelps stated she spoke with Joseph Brazen and confirmed he will pass on the Medina Days organizational book to the next Medina Days chair. Phelps further said she intends to contact the Meisenheimers to learn if they would be interested in volunteering and has obtained names of two others presented as possible volunteers for either the anniversary committee or Medina Days.

Schulze indicated Chen provided names of two Medina residents that expressed an interest in volunteering, if planning for both celebrations were combined into one committee.

Discussion followed.

Schulze indicated he would confirm Medina's anniversary date.

Discussion of Options for Citizen Survey (7:42 p.m.)

Susan Bond and Paul Irby attended meeting, representing Hebert Research. Bond and Irby requested survey ideas, suggestions and key issues from councilmembers and explained survey processes and media forms, which would effectively serve the needs of Medina.

Discussion followed.

Bond offered to provide sample questionnaires from other cities, and supply proposed methodology, draft questionnaire and costs by February 6, 2005. Mayor directed Bond coordinate with City Manager.

Councilmembers agreed to place citizen survey on February 14, 2005 agenda and concurred input from other boards should be received by February 28, 2005, Study Session.

Bond agreed to return for February 28th Study Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose: Labor Negotiations

Schulze announced Executive Session would last approximately 20 minutes and no action was anticipated. Rudolph declined to participate in Executive Session, and the conference call ended.

Mayor declared a five-minute break at 8:40 p.m. Council reconvened in Executive Session following the break.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AND SECOND TO ADJOURN JANUARY 24, 2005 STUDY SESSION, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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January 24, 2005 City Council Study Session adjourned, 9:00 p.m.

Next City Council meeting scheduled, Monday, February 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Mary Odermat

Attest:

Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant